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SUBJ: KHARTOUM ASSASSINATIONS: WHERE WE GO FROM HERE

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1. WE SHARE DEPT CONCERN REGARDING MAGISTRATE'S STATEMENT AS TO POLITICAL ASPECTS BSO CASE. AT SAME TIME, ON BASIS PAST PERFORMANCE AND ATTITUDE TOWARD CASE ON PART SUDANESE JUDICIARY, WE INCLINED TO THE VIEW THAT CASE WILL CONTINUE BE HANDLED IN SUDANESE COURTS LARGEY, IF NOT ENTIRELY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED LEGAL RITERIA. WHAT MAY HAPPEN THEREAFTER IS ANYONE'S GUESS. WE ASSUME MURDERERS WILL RECEIVE STIFF SENTENCES AND THAT PRESSURE WILL THEN BE ON NIMEIRI TO REDUCE OR WAIVE THESE AS ACT EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY. PERIODIC REFERENCES IN RECORD TO POLITICAL ASPECTS OF CASE WOULD PRESUMABLY BE HELPFUL IN THIS REGARD.

2. IF THE FOREGOING ANALYSIS IS CORRECT, WE BELIEVE BEST COURSE FOR US IS TO CONTINUE MAINTAIN POSTURE THAT WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SUDANESE JUSTICE WHILE AVOIDING FOR PRESENT ANY MORE SPECIFIC INTERVENTIONS. IT IS NEVERTHELESS MOST USEFUL FOR US TO KNOW OF FORMAL USG REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO OTHER GOVERNMENTTS (PARA TWO REFTEL) AND TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING RE ABSENCE POLITICAL ASPECTS TO CRIME WHICH WOULD HAVE BEARING ON GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF ACCUSED. SUBJECT COULD WELL COME UP IN AMBASSADOR'S PERIODIC MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS

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IN FASHION WHICH WOULD MAKE IT BOTH TIMELY AND HELPFUL TO

RESPOND BY MAKING THESE POINTS. ACCORDINGLY, WOULD APPRECIATE
FROM TIME TO TIME ANY ADDITIONAL INFO ON DEPT ACTIONS WITH
RESPECT OTHER TERRORIST CASES WHICH MIGHT BE USED HERE AS
APPROPRIATE IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS DO WHAT WE CAN ASSURE
THAT GOS DOES NO GO THE CLEMENCY ROUTE AFTER SENTENCES ARE
HANDED DOWN.

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